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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Virgil H. Motsinger of Harrisburg, who passed away on March 2, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born February 21, 1933, in Crab Orchard to the late Virgil "Copper" and Irene (LaMaster) Motsinger; on June 5, 1955, he married his college sweetheart, Mata Hester, at First United Methodist Church in Shattuc; and

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WHEREAS, He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Harrisburg, where he taught Sunday school for the past 40 years; he was a member of the Methodist Men, the Harrisburg Rotary, the Southeastern Illinois College Foundation, and served on the board at Mid Country Bank; and

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WHEREAS, He grew up in Crab Orchard and graduated from Crab Orchard High School in 1951; he attended McKendree College from 1951 to 1955 and was a member of the varsity basketball and track team all four years; while attending McKendree he met his future wife, Mata; and

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WHEREAS, He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1957 and received a Master's degree in health and physical education from Indiana University; for 35 years he

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1 served as coach, athletic director, and health and physical
2 education teacher at Southeastern Illinois College in
3 Harrisburg; and

4 WHEREAS, He was a coaching legend in Southern Illinois; he
5 was the basketball coach at Woodlawn High School from 1956 to
6 1961; he was the basketball coach and for several years the
7 baseball coach at Southeastern Illinois College; he had a
8 career coaching record of 679 wins, 383 losses; and

9 WHEREAS, During the 1997-98 season, he served as an
10 assistant to Rich Herrin at Southern Illinois University in
11 Carbondale; he coached fifth and sixth grade basketball in
12 Harrisburg from 1998 to 2000; he was a member of the Illinois
13 Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the National
14 Junior College Basketball Hall of Fame, the McKendree College
15 Hall of Fame, and the Southeastern Illinois College Athletic
16 Hall of Fame; in 2006, C Building at Southeastern Illinois
17 College was named the Virgil Motsinger Athletic Complex and in
18 2011, he received the Crab Orchard High School Distinguished
19 Alumni Award; and

20 WHEREAS, Virgil Motsinger is survived by his wife, Mata
21 Motsinger, with whom he was married for 56 years; his sons,
22 Mark and his wife, Suzanne Motsinger, and Mike and his wife,
23 Melonie Motsinger; his daughter, Amy and her husband, Garrick

1 Simpson; his loving grandchildren, Adam and his wife, Mariah
2 Dennison, Caleb and Gabriel Motsinger, Masen, Marcella, and
3 McCartney Motsinger, and Abigail Simpson; and his
4 great-grandchildren, Chloe and Ella Dennison; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
8 Virgil Motsinger; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Virgil Motsinger as a symbol of our
11 sincere sympathy.